

Institute (TERI) in respect of air pollution is based on monitoring done in limited area. The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has been monitoring air quality at a number of locations through a network of ambient air quality monitoring stations in Delhi. The air quality data of Delhi, as being monitored by CPCB, has indicated a downward trend in comparison to 1998 air quality data. CPCB has also initiated a study in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur for development Air Quality Index for India.

Notification of Kondakamberu and Gupteswar in Orissa as Wild Life Sanctuaries

1427. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the forest department of Orissa has delayed the notification of Kondakamberu and Gupteswar as wild life sanctuaries, thereby causing extinction of the local Wild buffalo;

(b) what are the details regarding the areas recommended by the State Wild Life Advisory Board of Orissa since 1980 to be declared as Wild Life Sanctuaries, under the Wildlife Protection Act, recommendation-wise; and

(c) the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (c) The State Government of Orissa has informed that the State Wildlife Advisory Board had made recommendations regarding Kondakamberu and Gupteswar being declared as Wildlife Sanctuaries. The State Government has decided to process only the proposal for declaring Kondakamberu as Wildlife Sanctuary. Since the area encompasses large number of villages no final decision has been taken by the State Government regarding the boundaries of the proposed wildlife sanctuary.